

Subject **FW: Carpooling options**  
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Hello Marion,

In response to your question concerning car pooling options I have had a discussion with Drew Bryant, Activity Planning Advisor- Transportation. TDC.

There was a plan to join with Nelson City Council to promote more widely the [Smarttravel.org.nz](http://Smarttravel.org.nz) app which is a site to find travel options and car pooling partners. There are however concerns that the site is not particularly well maintained or user friendly and that it is closing in November. A new initiative has been started to replace Smart Travel, but is not going to be ready when Smart Travel is closed. It is likely that any new app will be 1 - 2 years away. In the meantime, NCC are advising people and groups to use existing social media services like Facebook Groups or Neighbourly to connect with. There are still some other options in existence such as the St John's Health Shuttle, Drive Miss Daisy, and The Wrinklies van in Golden Bay.

Drew pointed out that the Trust running the new service from Wakefield to Richmond needs to see success in this route before they start identifying further routes in other areas such as Mapua & Motueka. Council have been supporting the Trust in setting up these services. Any permanent Council run service needs to comply with the NZTA Public Transport Guidelines and be wheelchair friendly etc. It is obvious there is a need for public transport options. It is still a work in progress to find the best solution and the transport group are working with the community to find out what it is.

Kind regards,

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